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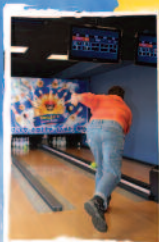
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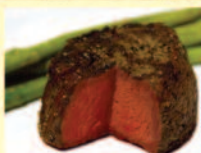
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MAJOR CINDY ECKER, Western Region Manager,
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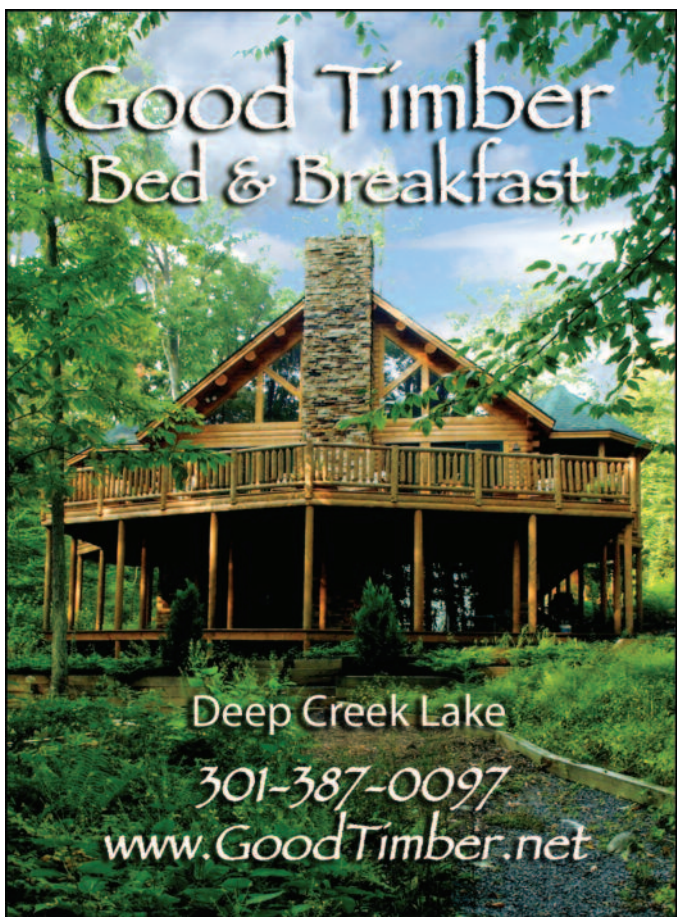
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Challenge the entire family to complete 10 quests in Maryland State Parks for a chance to score outdoor prizes like bikes, camping gear and more!

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Deep Creek Lake State Park

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Cradled along the picturesque Meadow Mountain, Deep Creek Lake State Park sits more than 2,500 feet above sea level. The park boasts a mile of shoreline along Maryland's largest manmade lake, Deep Creek Lake, where fishing, swimming and boat launching opportunities abound. Go for a swim at the park's beach or picnic by the waterfront (a service charge applies) where tables, grills and more are accessible. Shelters may be reserved in advance for a fee through our reservation system.

Interpretive programs, with evening campfires, and talks and hikes on the natural and cultural resources of the park, are available throughout the year and by special request. Activity schedules are posted on bulletin boards throughout the park and the Discovery Center. Hunting is permitted in the park's backcountry areas during regulated hunting seasons. The managed hunting areas are posted, and applicable regulations including license requirements apply. Consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for season dates and bag limits. Hunters can access the hunting area one hour before sunrise and must leave one hour past sunset.

Meadow Mountain Trail System offers mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and hiking on trails ranging from moderate to difficult. Snowmobile season is Dec. 15–March 15. Snowmobilers can park and access the Deep Creek Lake trail system from the boat launch area. All snowmobiles must have current DNR ORV permits to operate on the trails and frozen lake surface. Permits may be purchased at the park headquarters and the Discovery Center. A trail guide is available at Park Headquarters, the Discovery Center, or online. Owners must keep pets on a leash on trails, and clean up after them.

Most of the park's visitor services are located on State Park Road. Park Headquarters is located at the intersection of Brant and State Park roads. Information can be obtained during business hours Monday through Friday. For emergencies, call the Maryland Park Service communication center at 410-260-8888 or dial 911. General park information can be obtained at 301-387-5563. The Discovery Center can be reached at 301-387-7067 during business hours.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA

The lake management office is located on Brant Road just past park headquarters. Information about buffer strip use and lake regulations can be obtained by calling 301-387-4111. The state property around the lake is commonly called the buffer strip. Annual permits are issued to adjacent property owners who wish to use the buffer strip to access the lake.

A fishing area is located on the south side of the U.S. Route 219 bridge. Anglers can fish from the shoreline any time, day or night. Several parking spaces and restroom facilities are available to visitors.

SET YOUR SAILS

Deep Creek Lake's boat launch facility is open 24 hours a day most of the year, except when winter weather or icy conditions prohibit access to the water. The lake is well known for its fishery, with abundant stocked trout, walleye, bass and yellow perch. A service charge covers the daily launching and removal of your boat during a 24-hour period. Annual and weekly passes are available for purchase at park offices.

Personal watercraft, such as jet skis, and air-cushioned vessels may not be operated on the lake 11 a.m.–4 p.m. on the Saturday, Sunday and holiday of Memorial Day weekend; and the Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1 through Labor Day.



So Much to Discover!

photo: Caroline Blizzard, Discovery Center Director

The Discovery Center's redesigned displays encourage visitors to learn more about the natural environment of Deep Creek Lake. The theme "Water is Life" promotes the connection between the healthy lake ecosystem and the people and wildlife who enjoy it. Meet live birds of prey, amphibians and reptiles. Explore the local history of the Brant Mine and the coal industry. Interpretive programs and hikes are offered regularly for nature lovers of all ages. The volunteer organization sponsors special events through the year. Visit www.discoverycenterdcl.com for upcoming events. The Discovery Center is open seven days a week 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the summer. The center is only open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Admission is free.

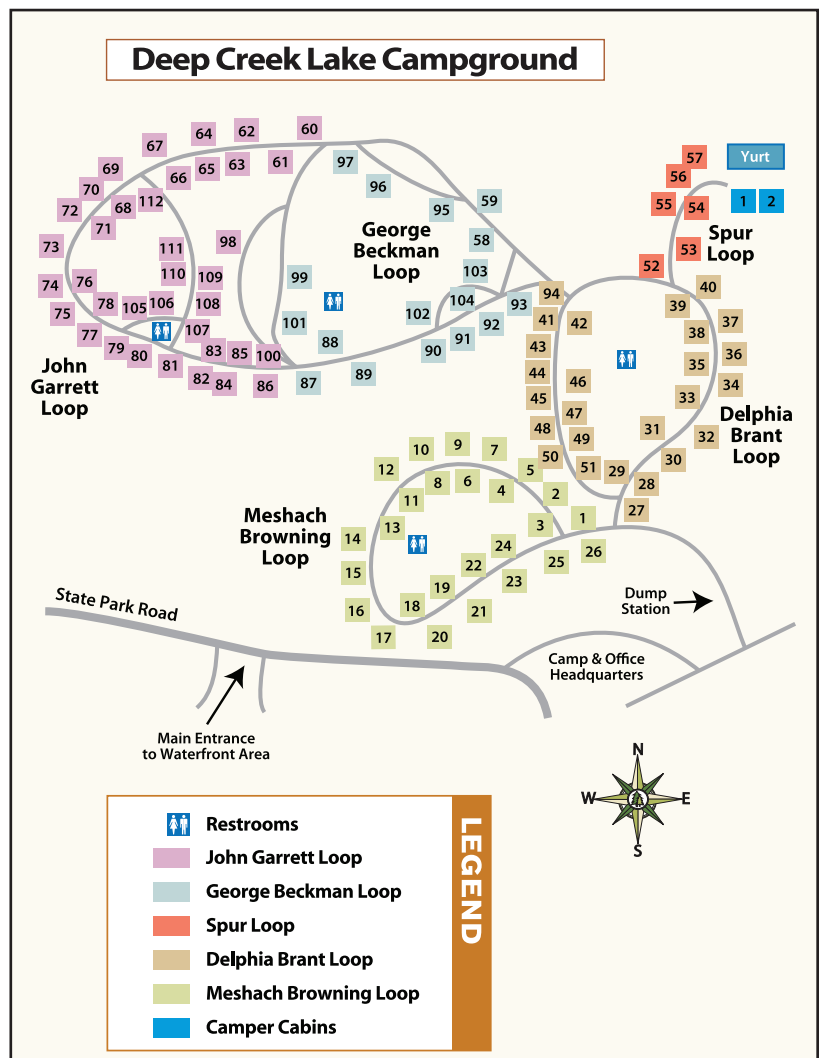
Bask in nature along Deep Creek's shoreline, then stop by the Discovery Center and learn more about the lake, the connection between clean water and the surrounding forests, and the wildlife that depends upon these waters.

Camp It Up!

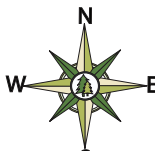
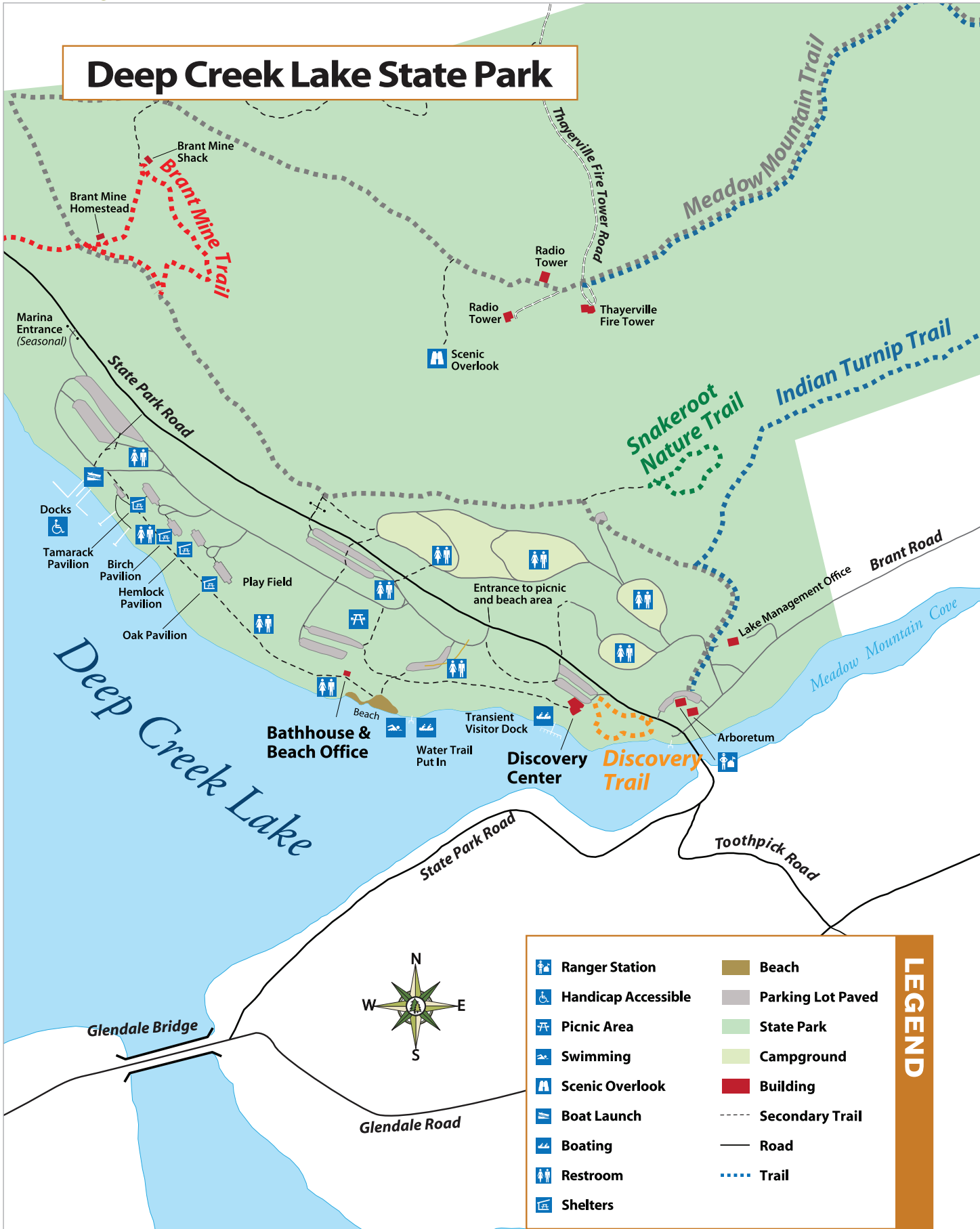
Meadow Mountain campground has 112 campsites available by reservation spring through fall. Each site is conveniently located near heated rest-room facilities with hot water showers. Twenty-six sites offer 30-amp electrical service and a sanitary dump station at the campground entrance. The Bear Den (an Adirondack-style shelter), two mini-camper cabins and a Yurt are available for reservation. The maximum length of stay is two weeks. Pets are permitted in certain designated loops. Visit <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us>. +

DEEP CREEK LAKE STATE PARK FAST FACTS

Shoreline: 65 miles
Lake Elevation: 2,462 feet
Area of Lake: 3,900 acres
Summer Bottom Temperature: 49°F
Summer Surface Temperature: 73°F
Average Depth: 26.5 feet
Approximate Depth of Ice in Winter: 18 inches
Meadow Mountain Elevation: 3,022 feet



Deep Creek Lake State Park



	Ranger Station		Beach
	Handicap Accessible		Parking Lot Paved
	Picnic Area		State Park
	Swimming		Campground
	Scenic Overlook		Building
	Boat Launch		Secondary Trail
	Boating		Road
	Restroom		Trail
	Shelters		

LEGEND



The Youghiogheny River's Class V rapids challenge even the most experienced kayakers, as the wild river drops in elevation approximately 100 feet per mile between Sang Run and Friendsville.

Youghiogheny Scenic & Wild River

FORMER GATEWAY FOR GROWTH NOW A THRILL-SEEKER'S DREAM

Beginning in southern Garrett County, the Youghiogheny Scenic & Wild River is a part of the Mississippi River watershed that stretches northward into Pennsylvania. During the late 1800s, Garrett County prospered as logging railroads in the Youghiogheny River valley permitted transfer of timber and coal. In 1889, the Confluence & Oakland Railroad was built to reach the timberlands along the path of the river through Friendsville, Md., to the town of Kendall, Md.

As timber and coal industries along the Youghiogheny waned, the land restored naturally and regained much of its original beauty thanks to nearby landowners. In 1976, a 21-mile segment of the Youghiogheny was designated as Maryland's first Wild River. Managed by the Maryland Park Service, a state-protected corridor along the river helps preserve its resources. Today, thousands of whitewater enthusiasts flock to Sang Run to experience the Class V rapids of the Upper Youghiogheny. This river is not for beginners and can be a challenge for even the most experienced kayakers. Public access is available during daylight hours only. Please leave pets at home

if planning to spend a day on the river. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/youghiogheny.asp for more information about the Youghiogheny region and a complete list of rafting companies offering guided adventures.

Friend's Delight, an 81-acre tract of land settled by John Friend in 1769 after bartering with the Shawnee tribe, is managed by the

park service and open seasonally. It includes a rentable picnic shelter near the river and Friend's Store, which has operated for more than a century and is open on summer weekends. Friend's Delight, also known as the Youghiogheny River shelter, is available for picnics and daytime special occasions. Visit <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us> for reservations. +





Teach the little ones to paddle on the Big Run-Savage River Reservoir, a popular spot to cast a line or cruise the water.

Big Run State Park

RECREATION AND TRANQUILITY COLLIDE

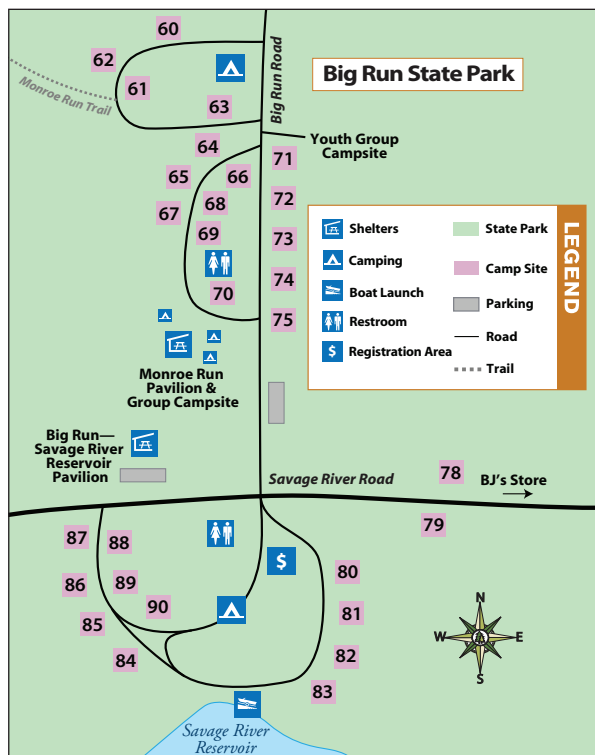
If a peaceful outdoor experience is what you need, then Big Run State Park in Swanton, Md., is just the place. Nestled along a native brook trout stream, Big Run features 29 primitive campsites open year round on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for a site, follow the instructions on the bulletin board at the intersection of Big Run Road and Savage River Road.

Big Run also offers two large camping areas — Youth Group Site and Monroe Run Shelter — available by reservation. To book either location, call 301-895-5453. With electricity and room for 100 guests, the Big Run-Savage River Reservoir Pavilion is available by reservation for daytime use only. Call 1-888-432-CAMP or visit <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us>.

All campsites and pavilions are within walking distance of the Savage River Reservoir. The reservoir is packed with trout, bass, catfish, tiger muskie and more. A boat launch area is available for small watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes and rowboats. Waterless restrooms are available on a seasonal basis.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owner at all times.
- Gas-powered boats are prohibited on the Savage River Reservoir.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited, except inside motor homes.
- An alcohol permit may be purchased for the Big Run-Savage River Reservoir Pavilion at time of reservation.

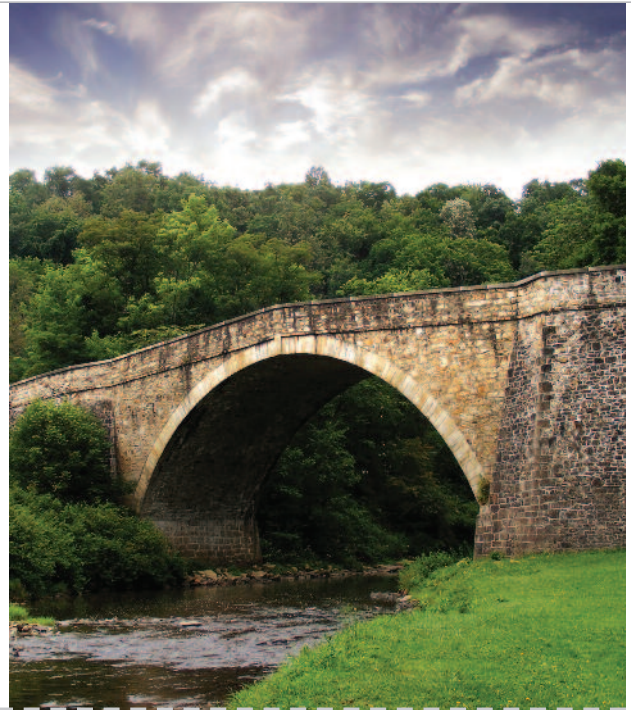


Casselman River Bridge

CONNECTING THE PAST AND PRESENT IN GARRETT COUNTY

One of the oldest surviving bridges in the country, the Casselman River Bridge in Grantsville, Md., originally was built in 1813 as part of the old National Road. At the time of construction, this 80-foot stone arch bridge was the longest single-span bridge in the U.S. The bridge remained in service until 1933, when a new steel bridge was built nearby. Today, the bridge is listed as a National Historic Landmark and serves as a picturesque relic of Maryland's early transportation history.

For more information on the bridge or Casselman River Bridge State Park, visit www.dnr.maryland.gov.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owner at all times.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

Go Fish!

The Casselman River is a delayed harvest trout fishing area between Interstate 68 and the Pennsylvania line. No fishing license is required for anyone under 16. Visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries for information on regulations and creel limits. +



Living With Black Bears +

GARRETT COUNTY'S SUSTAINABLE FORESTS MAKE THE PERFECT HABITAT FOR BLACK BEARS.

Black bears have an interesting history in Maryland. Early Maryland settlers considered the bears dangerous and fatal, adding fear and misery to their existence. As our ancestors cleared forests that

destroyed the bears' habitat, black bears were wiped out from most areas of the state. However, since the 1980s Western Maryland's bear population has steadily increased due to improving habitat

conditions and conservation efforts. Probably no other wildlife species can reflect the true feeling of "wilderness" better than the black bear. Encounters with bears are remembered and retold for years. +

Tips for Camping in Black Bear Country

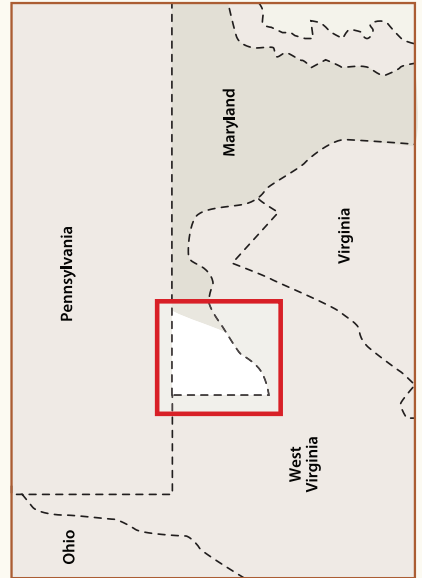
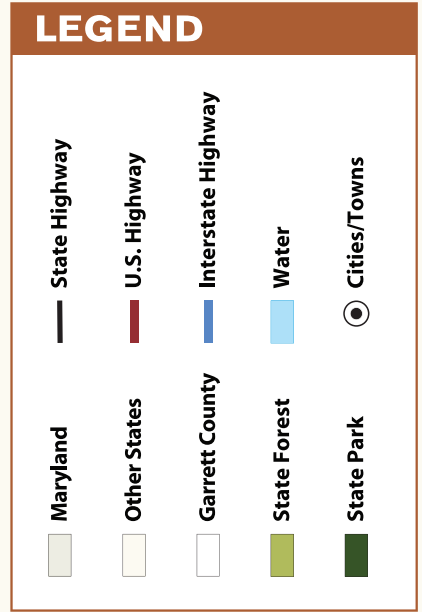
- Move to another campsite if fresh bear signs, such as tracks, markings or scat, are present.
- Never keep food in your tent.
- Store food and garbage out of a bear's reach in a vehicle or cabin, if possible.
- Use airtight or bear-proof containers.

- Do not burn or bury food scraps.
- Remove all garbage from camp every evening.
- If a bear comes into camp, don't feed it! Scare it away by making noise.

Visit www.dnr.maryland.gov for more information.









New Germany State Park

WHERE FAMILY TRADITIONS BEGIN

Often referred to as a “best kept secret” by visitors, New Germany State Park is nestled peacefully between Big Savage Mountain and the Eastern Continental Divide. With miles of multi-use trails, campsites and plenty of lakeside activities, the park is perfect for anyone looking for a refreshing breath of fresh mountain air. Families can stay and play for days at New Germany.

At Your Leisure

CABINS New Germany features 11 historic log cabins, available for reservation year round. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, each cabin combines rustic features with the cozy comforts of home, including a beautiful stone fireplace, full kitchen and bathroom, and electric heat.

CAMPING Camp out under the stars at one of New Germany’s serene campsites, available April through October. Reservations are recommended, but walk-in campers are welcome.

SWIMMING & BOATING New Germany Lake provides a designated swimming area, and kayaks, paddleboats and rowboats are available for rent at the Snack Bar & Gift Shop in the Lake House.

FISHING Anglers can fish for trout, bass, tiger muskie and catfish, and no license is required for anyone under 16.

EXPLORING Looking to explore the natural world? Begin your journey at the new Nature Center next to the Lake House. The Nature Center features live animals, interactive displays, crafts, self-guided activities and nature-themed games for all ages. Visitors may borrow a variety of field guides and outdoor gear for an action-packed day of adventure.

PICNICKING Picnic tables and grills are nestled in shaded areas throughout the park, and two large picnic pavilions are available by reservation. For large gatherings, New Germany’s historic Recreation Hall is available for reservation year round. With a full kitchen, fireplace, two woodstoves and seating for up to 100 people, the building is perfect for family reunions, weddings and other special occasions.

HIKING & BIKING With more than 10 miles of peaceful trails, New Germany is a delight for hikers, bikers and nature enthusiasts. Leashed pets are allowed on the trails, except during ski season.

SKIING & SNOWSHOEING In the winter months, cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for rent seven days a week (weather permitting), and the trails are professionally tracked and groomed for skiing. After exploring the snowy outdoors, visitors can enjoy tasty treats and a warm fire at the Snack Bar & Gift Shop inside the Lake House.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- The park is open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- Cabin rates vary based on cabin size (2-, 4-, 6- and 8-person cabins are available). Personal items such as towels, linens and pillows are not provided. For cabin or campsite reservations, call **1-888-432-CAMP** or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov.
- Pets are allowed in the day-use area, the Hemlock camping loop and on the trails, with a few exceptions: pets are not allowed on the trails during ski season, on the beach or within designated swimming areas; pets must be leashed and accompanied by owners at all times; and excessive barking is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited, except inside cabins and motor homes.
- An alcohol permit can be purchased for the Recreation Hall and picnic pavilions at time of reservation.
- During ski season, daily ski reports are available at www.dnr.maryland.gov.

New To New Germany

GIFTS GALORE

Visit our new gift shop, located inside the Ranger Station, for T-shirts, hats, specialty gifts, books, firewood and more. Open daily, year round, from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

FREE WiFi

Need to stay connected? Free wireless internet service is provided at the New Germany Snack Bar & Gift Shop next to the lake! +





Herrington Manor State Park

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR ALL SEASONS

From swimming and hiking to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, Herrington Manor offers year-round recreation in the open air. The park was named after Sgt. Abijah Herrington, who patrolled the area during the Revolutionary War and built his estate on the 600-acre tract of land, later purchased by the State of Maryland in 1917. Only parts of the foundation of Herrington's manor house still remain, visible from the yellow trail behind the park office. Designed as a state park in 1964, the park today encompasses 365 acres and a 53-acre lake formed by Herrington Creek in the '30s with the Civilian Conservation Corps' aid.

Gather friends and family for a summer swim at Herrington Manor Lake.

At Your Leisure

SWIMMING The lake features a swimming area, beach and concession stand. Lifeguards are on duty Memorial Day through Labor Day at the swimming area, with the concession open for food and boat rentals as well.

PICNICKING Several picnic tables and grills are scattered throughout the beach area, as well as other areas around the lake. A pavilion available to rent sits on top of a knoll above the beach and lake area.

BOATING Herrington Manor concession rents canoes and kayaks on the lake, but visitors may bring their own boats (electric trolling motors only) as well.

FISHING With a Maryland Angler's license, fishermen can fish anywhere in the lake except for the swimming area. Licenses can be purchased at the park office. Children under 16 do not need a license to fish in the lake.

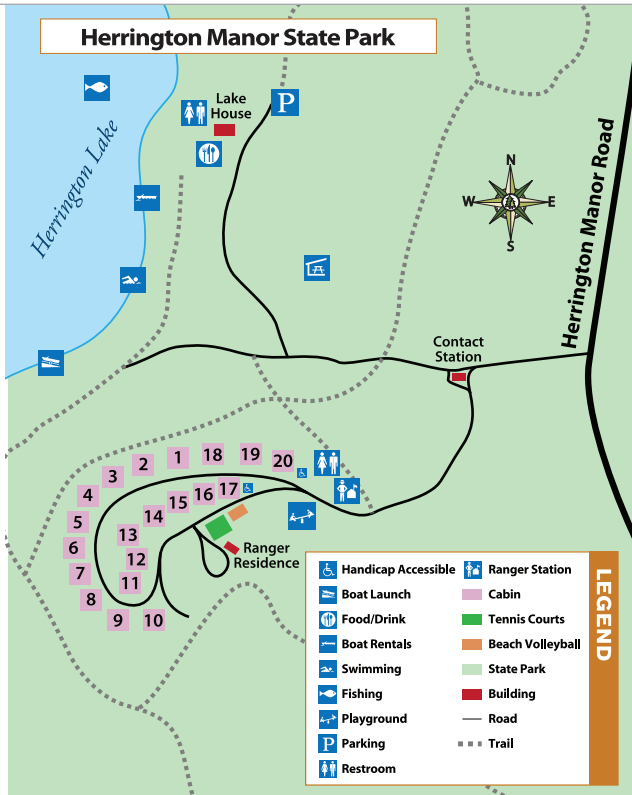
WILDLIFE Herrington Manor is home to many different types of wildlife. Visitors may catch a glimpse of bears, deer, turkeys, foxes, squirrels, rabbits and other critters while enjoying the park. Remember these animals are wild, so please do not feed them.

HIKING, SKIING & SNOWSHOEING Herrington Manor offers ski and snowshoe rentals at the lake house, open on weekends and holidays. During the week these items can be rented at the park office. The park has 10 miles of trails to hike, ski and snowshoe plus a 5½-mile trail from Herrington Manor State Park to Swallow Falls State Park.

ACCESSIBILITY The headquarters, lake house, beach area, fishing pier and two cabins are accessible to the mobility impaired. A beach wheelchair is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Hit the trails. Ski or snowshoe on 10 miles of blanketed trails, or trek the 5½-mile path from Herrington Manor State Park to Swallow Falls State Park.



Cabin Fever

Herrington Manor provides 20 full-service cabins available for rent year round. Two-, four- and six-person cabins offer a full kitchen with oven/stove, pots and pans, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, dishes, silverware, bowls and cups. Each cabin is equipped with a bathroom with shower, living area with dining table and chairs, electric heat as well as a wood burning fireplace insert; some cabins have an open fireplace available. Bed linens, blankets, pillows and towels are not provided. Each cabin has a front porch with chairs to relax and enjoy the scenic view. A picnic table and charcoal grill are located beside each cabin. Call 1-888-432-2267, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us>.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Alcohol is prohibited in the park except inside cabins.
- Pets are prohibited in the park from Memorial Day until Labor Day and in the cabin area at all times. Pets are allowed, on a leash, in the day-use area after Labor Day until Memorial Day.
- Herrington Manor is a "Trash-Free Park." Please take your trash home with you and plan accordingly for your visit.

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Though the falls offer breathtakingly beautiful views, visitors should exercise caution in and around Swallow Falls State Park's hazardous waters.

Swallow Falls State Park

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Best known for Maryland's highest waterfall, Muddy Creek Falls, Swallow Falls State Park is comprised of four breath-taking waterfalls on the 1¼-mile trail through the sensitive management area, a region of virgin Hemlock and White Pine trees estimated to be 300 years old. Both the Youghiogheny River and Muddy Creek contain severe natural

hazards, such as waterfalls, violent rapids, swift currents, deep pools, underwater hydraulics, cold water, slippery rocks and rough terrain. Injuries and deaths have occurred in and around these waters. Visitors should be alert for these hazards and EXERCISE CAUTION to protect themselves and any children from potentially life-threatening accidents.

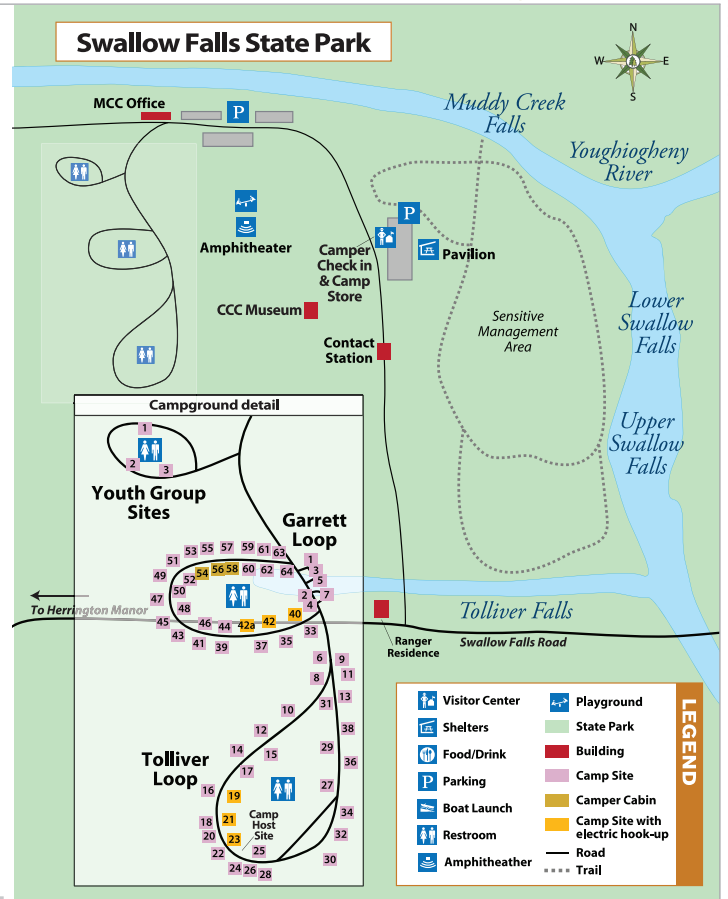
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PICNICKING There are several picnic tables and grills located on the hill just past the main parking area. A pavilion located beside the main parking lot can be rented as well.

HIKING A 1¼-mile trail meanders through the sensitive management area along the Youghiogheny River. Muddy Creek Falls, Upper and Lower Swallow Falls, and Tolliver Falls can be seen on this loop trail. A 5.5-mile trail also spans from Swallow Falls State Park to Herrington Manor State Park.

Pitch a Tent

With 65 campsites featuring modern bathhouses, picnic tables, fire rings, lantern posts on stabilized pads — as well as three sewer, water and electric hook-up sites, plus three sites with water and electric — Swallow Falls State Park is a great place to camp out under the stars. Each campsite can accommodate six people; at least one person must be 18 or older. Additionally, three camper cabins offer electric, one double bed and one bunk bed, and three youth group sites are available with a bathhouse in a separate loop within the campground. Alcohol is prohibited in all areas of the park. Pets are permitted on campsites with a registered camper, except in the day-use area Memorial Day through Labor Day. After Labor Day pets are permitted on a leash in the day-use area. Sites are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, but reservations are strongly recommended the Wednesday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Walk-ins are welcome based on availability. For reservations, call 1-888-432-2267 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us>. Reservations are required for camper cabins from mid April through mid December. Contact the park office at 301-334-9180 prior to arrival for the camp combination.



JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE

Mt. Zion Road, Swanton, Md. 301-334-9180

Managed jointly by Swallow Falls State Park and Herrington Manor State Park, Jennings Randolph Lake was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1981 as an emergency reservoir for metro Washington, D.C. More than five miles long, the lake flows along the North Branch of the Potomac River and divides Maryland and West Virginia. The Maryland Park Service, Freshwater Fisheries and Natural Resources Police manage a boat ramp on the lake open April through October, weather permitting. A floating dock and parking lot that accommodates 50 boat trailers can be found on-site.

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GARRETT STATE FOREST

1431 Potomac Camp Road, Oakland, Md. 301-334-2038

Located five miles northwest of Oakland off U.S. Route 219, Garrett State Forest is considered the birthplace of forestry conservation in Maryland. In 1906, the Garrett brothers, John and Robert, donated 2,000 acres to the State of Maryland under the condition that a state forestry department be established to manage the area. This generous donation served as the foundation of Garrett State Forest, and Maryland's present public land system. Today, the forest consists of 7,500 acres with opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, camping, ORV trails and more.

POTOMAC STATE FOREST

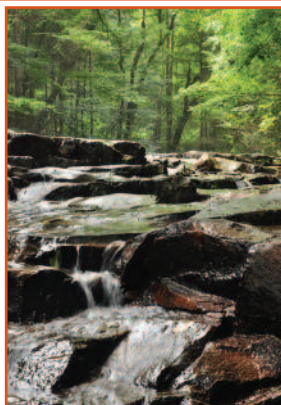
1431 Potomac Camp Road, Oakland, Md. 301-334-2038

Potomac State Forest is located in southeastern Garrett County, off MD Route 135. This forest consists of 10,000 acres and provides several access points to the North Branch of the Potomac River. The forest provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping, a 3-D archery range and several miles of ORV trails.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Pets are allowed in Maryland State Forests, but must be under control at all times.
- ORV use is restricted to designated trails, with an ORV permit. Permits are available at Savage River State Forest Headquarters or Potomac-Garrett State Forest Headquarters.



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Did You Know?

New Germany State Park once was the site of Maryland's first ski resort. In the early '40s, visitors put their hickory skis to the test on New Germany's downhill and cross-country ski trails. Nicknamed "Maryland's Alps," the park was the state's premier downhill ski destination until the '60s, when larger ski resorts were built in the area. Today, the downhill slopes have been reforested, but New Germany remains a popular destination for skiing and snowshoeing.

Ski Till You Drop!

SNOW ENTHUSIASTS FLOCK TO GARRETT COUNTY FOR OUTDOOR WINTER FUN

Cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling are just a few of the many winter sports that draw hordes of fresh powder aficionados to Garrett County each winter. During ski season, the trails at both Herrington Manor and New Germany State Parks are tracked and groomed for cross-country skiing, and ski rentals and lessons make hitting the trails

easy for first-time skiers. For rent at Deep Creek Lake and Herrington Manor State Parks, snowshoes are the perfect way to explore the snowy outdoors. Rental hours are subject to change, due to weather and ski conditions, and snowshoe tours are available. For daily ski reports, visit www.dnr.maryland.gov and search for Herrington Manor or New Germany.

FROZEN WATER WARNINGS

- Remember, no ice is safe. Anyone who participates in ice activities must accept the degree of risk associated with this choice.
- Although ice fishing, skiing and other activities are permitted on Deep Creek Lake and Herrington Manor Lake, visitors must use extreme caution.
- Children should ALWAYS be supervised.
- Always plan ahead: Wear a life vest, tell someone your plans if you go out alone, carry an ice pick and nylon rope, and never venture onto the ice after dark.
- The Maryland Park Service does not maintain ice surfaces in any way.

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Garrett County Events Calendar

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

MAY 19

New Germany Fishing Rodeo

Youth ages 4 to 15 accompanied by an adult are invited to participate in this annual fishing event. Contact Adam Stachowiak at astachowiak@dnr.state.md.us.

MAY 25–27

All American Whitewater Festival

Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI), McHenry, Md., times vary

Join us as we salute our veterans with a sunset paddle May 25, and a military honors ceremony and whitewater parade 10 a.m. May 26. Special rafting will be available all weekend. Proceeds benefit ASCI's veterans programs.

JUNE 2

Herrington Manor Fishing Rodeo

Youth ages 16 and under may register for this free event. Trophies are awarded to various age groups for the largest fish caught. Contact Eric Savage at edsavage@dnr.state.md.us.

JUNE 18

Taste of Garrett County

Wisp Resort, McHenry, Md., 6–9 p.m.

Enjoy cooking demonstrations from some of Garrett County's best chefs, plus score prizes, live entertainment and sample delicious delicacies from Garrett County restaurants! Tickets cost \$30, and all proceeds benefit Garrett Trails. Contact Brenda of Brenda's Pizzeria at 301-387-2011, or visit www.garrettrails.org.

JUNE 23

2012 Garrett County Gran Fondo

ASCI, McHenry, Md., ride times vary

The third annual long-distance cycling event features professional, amateur and recreational cyclists. Named one of the Top 25 Epic Rides in North America by Rapha Continental, Gran Fondo proceeds benefit the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation. Visit www.winthefight.org/granfondo.

JUNE 27–28

Maryland Open—State Canoe and Kayak Championships

ASCI, McHenry, Md., 9 a.m.

The Maryland Open is a canoe slalom warm-up event for the ICF Junior and U23 World

Championships held in July in Wausau, Wis. The competition is also the Maryland State Championship. Races will feature both men and women's categories. Visit www.adventuresportscenter.com.

JULY 4

Community Concert

Garrett College, McHenry, Md., 7–10 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy free music beneath the stars by the Garrett Choral Society and the Garrett Community Concert Band. Donations are appreciated, and fireworks will follow the performance.

JULY 5–7

Chautauqua Maryland and the War of 1812

Garrett College, McHenry, Md., 7–9 p.m.

Partake in free living-history performances featuring three War of 1812 figures brought to life: President James Madison, Rosalie Stier Calvert and British Maj. Gen. Robert Ross.

JULY 14–15

Art in the Park

Deep Creek Lake State Park, Swanton, Md., 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers, Inc., more than 40 artists exhibit and sell their original work. Enjoy Dixieland music, food, pottery, jewelry, photography, woodworking, paintings and more. Call 301-387-7067 for more details.

JULY 28–AUG. 4

Garrett County Agricultural Fair

McHenry, Md., times vary

One of the few fairs in Maryland that still retains its agricultural focus, the 56th annual Garrett County Agricultural Fair features everything from a tractor pull and mod bog, to four-wheel pick up pull and demolition derby, plus nightly entertainment, horse shows, amusement rides and delicious fair food. Visit www.garrettcounityfair.org.

SEPT. 7–9

Art and Wine Festival

McHenry, Md., times vary

The eighth annual Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival, benefiting the American Red Cross, features beautifully handcrafted works by local and regional artisans, wine tastings from more than 200 Maryland and national wineries, live music, children's activities, wine pairing dinners, lodging

packages and more. Tickets are available at the entrance to the festival.

SEPT. 8–9

Deep Creek Open and U.S. Nationals in Canoe Slalom

ASCI, McHenry, Md., 9 a.m.

The Deep Creek Open is a dual canoe slalom event with men's and women's categories. It will be an open race for competitors from around the world, including those from the London Olympics, and also serve as the U.S. National Championships.

SEPT. 15–16

SavageMan Triathlon

McHenry, Md., TBD

The sixth annual event features the SavageMan 70.0 event: a 1.2-mile swim in Deep Creek Lake, 55.6-mile bike on the most scenic and most savage triathlon bike course in the world and 13.1-mile run on the lakeside trails and roads of Deep Creek Lake State Park. The SavageMan 30.0 course is challenging but less "savage" with a .93-mile swim in the lake, 22.9-mile bike and 6.2-mile run. Visit www.savagemantri.org.

OCT. 6

Open House & Fall Fest

Friend's Delight, Sang Run, Md., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Enjoy monarch butterfly tagging, hayrides, pumpkin picking and painting, apple cider pressing and tasting, basket weaving demonstrations and more.

OCT. 10–14

45th Annual Autumn Glory Festival

Throughout Garrett County, McHenry, Md., times vary

The 45th annual Autumn Glory Festival includes parades, music, craft shows, kick-off reception, musical competitions, farmers market, scenic driving tours and more.

OCT. 13

Autumn Glory Grand Feature Parade

Downtown Oakland, Md., 1 p.m.

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